ferced during the last three years and the current year are as follows:—

| | (Rs. in crores) |
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| 1985-86 . . . . | 4.06 |
| 1986-87 . . . . | 6.33 |
| 1987-88 . . . . | 4.73 |
| 1988-89 (upto 31-10-88) . . . . | 3.00 |

(b) During the period 1982 to 1987, Hotel Corporation of India made an investment of Rs. 77.69 crores in the Delhi Srinagar and Juhu Beach hotel properties and Chefair flight kitchens at Bombay and Delhi. The losses of the Corporation are mainly on account of heavy interest and depreciation during the gestation period of the investment. The Company earned a gross operating profit of Rs. 1.30 crores during 1985-86, Rs. 1.89 crores during 1986-87, Rs. 5.86 crores during 1987-88 and 3.29 crores during 1988-89 still October 31, 1988.

(c) Both the Taj and Oberoi hotel chains are well established and older chains of hotels compared to HCI. They have much larger number of hotel properties and higher revenue as compared to HCI.

**Complaints Against the E F. O.(power) Northern Railway**

729. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:
SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there have been numerous complaints against the E.F.O. (Power), Northern Railway, New Delhi and E.F.O. Power, Central Hospital of Northern Railway, New Delhi for delaying the payments of small contractors deliberately;

(b) whether some Members of Parliament have also written to Government in this regard;

(c) if so, what action has been taken on these complaints;

(d) what is the total number of cases where payments have not been made for more than six months by the said authorities from the date of submission of bills by small contractors; and

(e) whether any enquiry for delaying the payments has been ordered; if so, what is the number of officers who have been transferred or are likely to be transferred on this account?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) No Sir.

(b) Letters from three Hon'ble Members of Parliament were received by the Minister of State for Railways.

(c) The complaints were enquired into and no action was considered necessary.

(d) Two bills are lying unpaid due to unsatisfactory work carried out by one contractor.

(e) After enquiry, no action was considered necessary.

**Death of Indian in plane accident in Bangkok**

730. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV:
SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the deails of the eleven Indians, including the Indian Ambassador to Vietnam and some members of his family killed in a plane crash in Bangkok on the 9th September, 1988;

(b) what are the details of the incident;

(c) what was the cause of the accident; and

(d) what are the details of compensation and other relief provided to the dependents of deceased by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) The details are:

(1) Shri A. B. Patwardhan, Ambassador of India to Vietnam.

(2) Smt. S. Patwardhan, Wife of the Indian Ambassador

(3) Master H. Patwardhan, Son of the Indian Ambassador

(4) Dr. D. R. Bansal. Director Department of Education New Delhi

(5) Dr. S. K. Saini, Reader, population Education Cell, NCERT New Delhi

(6) Dr. R. M. Mishra. Director Population Education Cell and Principal State Institute of Education. Allahabad.

(7) Shri H. S. Gill, Director, SISE & Population Education Project. Co. No. 66-67, Sector 17-A, Chandigarh.

(8) Shri S. A. Ramakrishna Rao, Director DSERT & Population Cell, Bangalor, Karnataka.

(9) Dr. B. K. Bali. Director, SCERT & P. E. Cell. Solan (Himachal Pradesh)

(10) Dr. I. P. Mowani, Director, State Institute of Education and Population Education Cell Raikhad. Ahmedabad (Gujarat)

(11) Mr. S. Devdas. Representative of Cimmco in Hanoi (Vietnam)

(b) The Vietnam airlines plane had a total complement of 80 persons of these 74 were killed in the tragic accident. six were hospitalized in serious condition. There was no Indian national among the survivors.

(c) According to reports the plane crashed about six kilomoters from Don Muang International Airport, Bangkok. As a result of this crash, it exploded and burst into flames. It was also reported that it may have been struck by lightning in the storm that was raging in the area. The Govt. of Vietnam is conducting an enquiry regarding this disaster.

(d) Mandatory compensation is to be paid by the Civil Aviation Authorities of Vietnam. Our Embassy in Hanoi has been told that compensation will be governed by the Warsaw Convention and the Hague Protocol. According to these, compensation for each passenger would be 250,000 Frencch Gold Frances (Approximately Rs. 3 lakhs). Compensation for baggage will be @ 250 French Gold Francs (Approximately Rs. 300) per Kg. and an amount of 5000 French Gold Francs (approximately Rs. 6000) for hand carried baggage per person.

All passengers travelling on the Vietnam Airlines are insured with the Vietnam Insurance Company. This company is expected to notify shortly the procedures for getting compensation.

Facilities were accorded for the return of the bodies to India, by air, at the cost of Government of India, UNDP and the employer respectively.

**Refugees infiltration from Burma**

731. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:
DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: *

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any refugee infiltration from Burma has taken place in India with the beginning of the current mass movement against the military dictatorship in that country;

(b) if so, what is the extent of such infiltrations and the number of refugees accommodated, so far; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to stop such infiltrations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As on 8-11-1988, 204 Burmese refugees had entered India and have been given shelter.

(c) In line with India's humanitarian traditions, Government does not intend to use force to prevent such refugees from entering nor to force them back, to death or prison.